

Every year, Brad would lend many hours of his communications expertise assisting the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race between Whitehorse, British Columbia, Canada, and Fairbanks, AK. Brad assisted with the set up and coordination of trail communication necessary to allow mushers in remote areas to communicate with race officials and emergency responders.

Lastly, but most importantly, Brad was devoted to his wife of 32 years, Drena McIntyre, and his son Tyler, daughter Graehl, and granddaughter Sylvia-Lei.

A final farewell to Brad included a rock n roll wake at Big Daddy's Bar-B-Q in Fairbanks. Many came dressed in Brad's favorite attire: either Carhartts overalls, a Hawaiian Aloha shirt or and a tie-dye Tee shirt. His many friends and loved ones maintained the ideals of fun and companionship which Brad Brooks exemplified throughout his whole life.

Condolences go out to his family and to all others who were close to him.●

#### REMEMBERING REBECCA WOOD WATKIN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to honor the life of Rebecca "Becky" Wood Watkin, a dedicated progressive advocate for the environment and affordable housing. Ms. Watkin passed away peacefully on December 19, 2010. She was 97 years old.

Born in 1913 in Portland, OR, to Erskine Wood and Rebecca Biddle Wood, Becky earned a bachelor of arts from Bryn Mawr College in 1933. Four years later, she earned a bachelor of architecture from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Architecture. At the time, Penn did not admit women to its Architecture School, so Becky and two other women blazed a trail—they took all the courses required for an architecture degree, and then insisted that the school confer a bachelor of architecture degree. They became the first women to receive that degree from the University of Pennsylvania's Architecture School.

After receiving her degree in architecture, Becky moved to Sausalito, CA, where she found work as a draftsman. In 1944, after the required 4 years of drafting work, she received her California architectural license. At the time, there were very few women licensed to practice architecture in California; however, blazing another trail, Becky opened her own architecture practice in 1951.

Becky dedicated herself to helping those less fortunate than she was. In 1968, she helped found the Marin Ecumenical Association for Housing, which has provided hundreds of low-income housing units in Marin County. EAH, as it is now known, has successfully developed, managed and promoted quality affordable housing for 42 years. In addition to her work with EAH, Becky also served on the Marin County Plan-

ning Commission in the 1970s, where she was a leading advocate for environmentally sensitive development and affordable housing.

Becky also believed strongly in civic participation, and was very active with the Marin County Democratic Party. She cochaired Adlai Stevenson's local campaign in 1952 and 1956, and in 1960, she was John Kennedy's precinct chairwoman in Marin. In 1968, Becky cochaired Marin County's Eugene McCarthy for President Committee, and in 1972 she headed George McGovern's local Presidential campaign. Breaking a losing streak, Becky ran Jimmy Carter's primary campaign in 1976, also serving as a delegate to the National Convention.

In fact, Becky was one of the first people to give me a start in local politics: when I went to volunteer at the local Marin County Democratic campaign office in 1968, Becky put me to work typing address labels!

Becky left a deep impression on all who knew her. Whether in Portland, Marin, or San Diego, where she moved in 2003, her life was full of activity. She loved the outdoors, and was an avid hiker and skier. Always a lover of music, she sang with the Marin Chorus until she was in her eighties, and regularly attended and supported the symphony and opera both in San Francisco and in San Diego.

Throughout her life, Becky's commitment to her community was evident in the work she did every day. She was a true trailblazer and progressive advocate, working tirelessly to better her community. Her lifetime of contributions will not soon be forgotten.

Becky is survived by her daughter Lisa; sons Joseph and Peter, and their spouses Ye Wa and Trylla; grandchildren Joseph Scott, Christopher, Milena, Katrina, and Lisl; and five great-grandchildren. I extend my deepest sympathies to her family and I feel blessed that Becky was a mentor, and most important, a dear friend.●

#### REMEMBERING WALTER L. KUBLEY, SR.

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I honor Walter L. Kubley, Sr. On December 14, 2010, Alaska lost this shining star who truly possessed the legendary "Pioneer Alaskan Spirit." Walter, who we called Wally, served Alaska in a long diverse career that ranged from work at the Ketchikan Volunteer Fire Department to the Alaskan Secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. When Wally was Commissioner of Commerce under Governor Keith Miller, he worked alongside his good friend and Commissioner of Revenue, George Morrison, and took revenues generated from the first oil lease sale in Prudhoe Bay and invested it to create the seeds of what is now known as the "Permanent Fund." This fund evolved and allowed the citizens of our State to share in the bounty of our natural resources. Wally also made

an indelible mark on the infrastructure and transportation system of Alaska. His tireless efforts as one of the authors of the legislation that created the Alaska Marine Highway System have continued to act as the integral yarn of the socioeconomic fabric of southeast Alaska. I myself have spent many hours on the beautiful "roads" that can be attributed to this caring man. As the "Father of the Alaskan Highway System," Wally often talked of bringing his family along on the maiden voyage of the M/V Malaspina mainline ferry from Seattle to Ketchikan that launched in 1963. Wally also served in the State legislature with Senator Ted Stevens, who he remained close with until his death and served as an honorary pallbearer along with Representative DON YOUNG. Whether his title was as an Alaskan House Representative, Commissioner of Commerce, or Commissioner of Transportation, his lone goal was to help his region, his State, and its people.

Wally was born and raised in Ketchikan in 1921 as the third generation of his family in Alaska. After graduating from high school, he studied at Whitman College but withdrew from school and joined the U.S. Coast Guard after the tragic events at Pearl Harbor. With his extraordinary childhood knowledge of the Alaskan coast, he served as captain of a submarine chaser out of Prince Rupert on the lookout for enemy submarines in the waters of southeast Alaska. After the war, he married his beautiful fiancée and the love of his life, Fern, who served as Mrs. Alaska in 1962. They spent 60 wonderful years of marriage together. At a young age, Wally left a cultural mark in the community as he built the world famous Sourdough Bar, the first bowling alley in Ketchikan, the Billiken Bowl, and the Sportsman Bar and Café in Ward Cove. Wally's grandson, Wally Jr., is now the owner of the Sourdough Bar and has continued the traditional weekly coffee forum held every Thursday morning up until his passing.

As the patriarch of a sixth generation Ketchikan family, Wally will be missed deeply by his loving family and all those who have known his caring nature. Wally's grandfather came to Alaska during the Gold Rush and after a few years prospecting in Hyder moved to Ketchikan in 1904 and set his family's roots. Wally owned a cabin built with hand hewn yellow cedar at Mirror Lake in the Misty Fjords. This later became the Mirror Lake Sportsman's Club where Wally enjoyed relaxing times fishing with his children, grandchildren, and friends. He was never without a smile and his own brand of creative thoughtfulness always shined bright. He is survived by his sons Don and Larry, daughter Kaaren, and his grandchildren.

Wally and I shared a common birthplace in Ketchikan and a love for our homeland of Alaska. Without the work that he has done, the state of Alaska would be a different place. I can easily